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Being a particular Account of the late Revolutions in *Edenborough*, and other parts of that Kingdom, the defacing *Popish Chappels*, and *Palace of Holy-Rood-House*; the Levelling to the Ground the *Chancellor's Chappel and House*, &c. and all other *Popish Chappels*; with the Opposition, which occasioned the loss of *Five Hundred Men* on each side; with the Duke of *Gourdon's* seizing the Castle of *Edenborough* for the *Papist* Interest, and the *Protestant Nobility and Citizens* Besieging it.

In a Letter from a Merchant in *Edenburgh*, to his Friend in *London*.

NO sooner had the News of the Kings Private Departure Arriv'd at the City of *Edenburgh*, but all Parties look'd on the general Settlement of the Kingdom, to be to far shaken, that it was high time for each of them to make an early Provision for their future Security: But the Prince of *Orange's* speedy Advance to *London*, being once Publish'd, the *Papists* began to look on their Cause as wholly desperate, if not already undone; nor were they in the least mistaken; for as if the Signal had been generally, though privately, given the Rabble from all Parts immediately gather together; and first, declaring for the *Protestant Religion* in general, next for the Prince of *Orange*, they lastly resolve unanimously to take this Opportunity of rooting both *Popery* and *Papists* out of the City and Kingdom, protesting with Oaths they would no longer suffer under the apprehension of that Slavery which they had long since, to their Sorrow, seen growing too fast upon them: Whereupon, after many Shouts, being Arm'd, some with Clubs, some with Swords, and others, to a great number, with Pistols, Car-bines, and Muskets, they Marcht directly to *Holy Rood-House*, where, after some Violences offer'd to the Out-parts; the Governor, who Commanded there at that time, one Captain *Wallis*, a *Roman Catholick*, came upon them with his Guards, without either demand of the meaning of their Assembly, or the least admonishment to desist, he Fires upon them; and Kills several of them; the Multitude being much more Enraged than Allay'd, by this Proceeding, run with fierceness and resolution on the Guard, slaying and wounding every Man, not without the Loss of abundance of their Own, tho' the Council then sitting had sent to the Captain to forbear on any Account to come to extremities with the Rabble, well imagining, and fearing the consequences likely to ensue; but he, as is suppos'd being too Zealous in his own Cause, and relying on his little Authority, presum'd rather to endanger the Safety, or Peace of the Kingdom, than submit to a present Necessity; for which he dearly paid, being himself, as was suppos'd, Mortally Wounded, and his Company quite Overthrown: The Multitude, in the mean time, remaining Victorious, march'd with loud Huzzas to the Lord *Chancellor's House*, which they in a moment pull'd down to the Ground, not sparing both Reproaches and Wounds on his Person; some reproaching him with his Designs to Betray his Country to *Popery* and *Slavery*, others casting in his Teeth private Injuries, and all reviling him as a base, malicious, and unjust Man: By this time the Council and Lord *Praest*, had order'd the Militia to endeavor the Suppressing these Irregularities, who, upon their first Approach us'd fair Words and Entreaties, but that not prevailing (the Rabble being extremely exasperated for the loss of their Fellows) they were forc'd to be rough, tho' before they could be dispers'd, there were above Five Hundred of both sides Kill'd: The Duke of *Gourdon*, in this juncture, thought it the safest way to retire into the Castle, and has declar'd his resolution to defend and keep it against any Opposition whatsoever: What the result will be is uncertain, tho' the better part of the Nobility and Gentry, and all the Commonalty in general, have declar'd their resolution to stand by the Prince of *Orange*, in Defence of the *Protestant Religion*, as by Law Established: The said Prince's Declaration (for restoring the Religion, Laws, and Liberties of Scotland to their Ancient Grandure) having bin publicly read in *Edinburgh*, and several other parts of *Scotland*, with Acclamations of Joy. The general expectation, at this present Writing, is the Affair of the Duke of *Gourdon*, (who, if he persists in keeping Possession of the Castle,) you may expect a particular Account in my Next, of the Siege of that Important (I had almost said Impregnable) Fortrefs.

SIR, Your ready Friend, and humble Servant.